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2. PERM FIVE PERMREPS MET IN NEW YORK ON NOVEMBER 25 TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR CIRCULATION IN THE COUNCIL. THEY WILL MEET AGAIN AT 9:30 PM EST ON NOVEMBER 25. OUR PLAN IS TO CIRCULATE THE RESULTING TEXT INFORMALLY TO THE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 9:30 PERM FIVE MEETING.

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CHINESE TO GO ALONG WITH CIRCULATION OF A DRAFT LATER TONIGHT.

3. CHARGE SHOULD MEET AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- THE MESSAGE YOU GAVE US SUNDAY (REF C) WAS PASSED PERSONALLY TO SECRETARY BAKER IN HOUSTON. HE AGREES THE CHINESE VIEW IS A FAIR RENDERING OF THE NOVEMBER 20 TELEPHONE DISCUSSION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN AND HIM. HIS OFFER OF A VISIT TO WASHINGTON STANDS ON THE BASIS LAID OUT IN THE NOVEMBER 20 TELEPHONE CALL.

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-- SECRETARY BAKER HOPES QIAN'S SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW HIM TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK EARLY ENOUGH FOR A BILATERAL MEETING ON THE 28TH.

-- FOR THE REASON INVOLVING OTHER MINISTERS STATED IN THE SECRETARY'S LETTER OF INVITATION, AS WELL AS TO MINIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGATIVE COMMENTARY ON THE VISIT, THE SECRETARY STILL PREFERENCES THAT YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT NOT BE MADE UNTIL TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. WE NOTE THAT SECRETARY BAKER AND MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE WILL MAKE A SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THEIR NOVEMBER 28 BILATERAL REGARDING THEIR NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN EARLY DECEMBER.

-- THE INITIAL MEETING OF PERM FIVE PERMREPS IN NEW YORK WENT VERY WELL. WE THINK THE FIVE WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE A RESOLUTION THAT CAN BE CIRCULATED AFTER THE FIVE MEET AGAIN AT 9:30 PM ON NOVEMBER 25. YOUR PERMREP, HOWEVER, STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU PROVIDE HIM INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE MEETING SO THAT THE NON-PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN RECEIVE A TEXT BY MONDAY.

4. FOR CHARGE: IF THE CHINESE PUSH FOR A MONDAY ANNOUNCEMENT, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE BUT WE STRONGLY PREFER THAT IT BE MADE AS LATE ON MONDAY BEIJING TIME AS POSSIBLE SO THAT IT WILL BE AN ISSUE HERE ON MONDAY, RATHER THAN SUNDAY. WHETHER DONE MONDAY OR LATER, THE TEXT YOU PROVIDED IN REF A IS ACCEPTABLE. WE WOULD CONFIRM THE VISIT IN THE SAME GENERAL TERMS, SINCE DETAILS OF QIAN'S DAY IN WASHINGTON REMAIN TO BE FINALIZED.

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